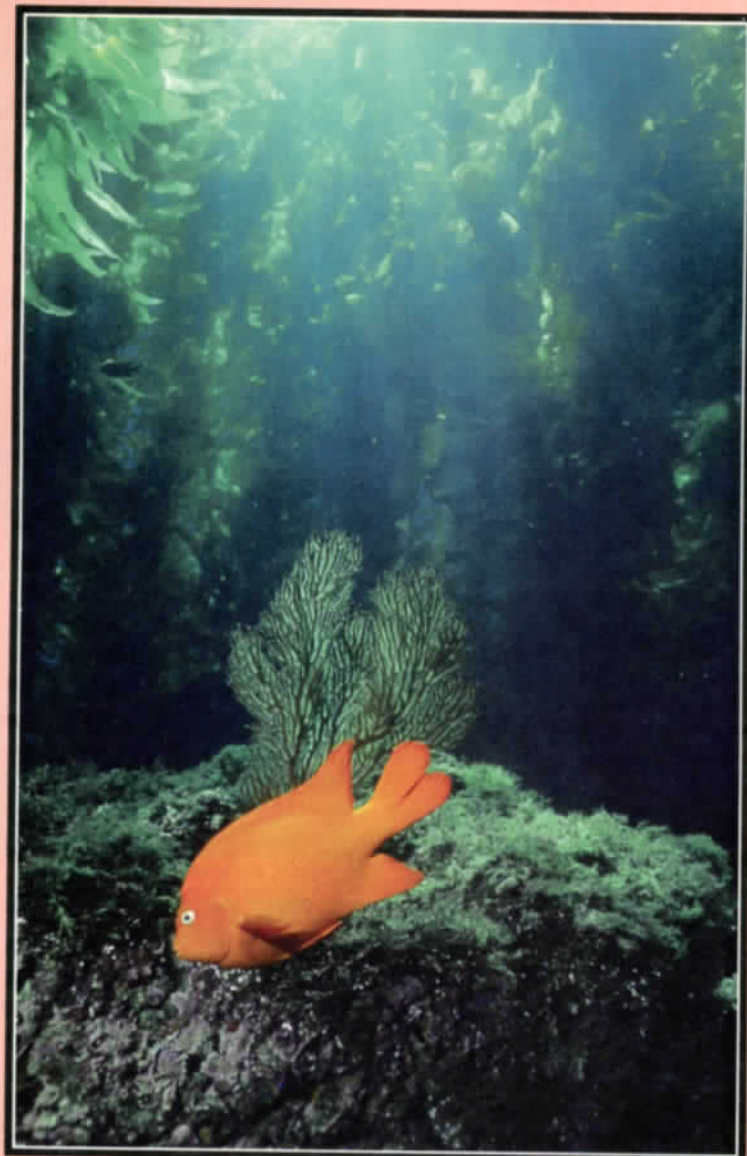


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The garibaldi is one of the most familiar residents of Catalina's waters, its bright color often making it visible from the surface. Garibaldis are protected by law and in many areas have become so tame they follow divers and "fish" for handouts.

Underwater Catalina

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UNDERWATER CATALINA



Delicate fingers of tealina, a large anemone, search the currents for food. Although more common in northern waters, tealina is frequently spotted in Catalina water.

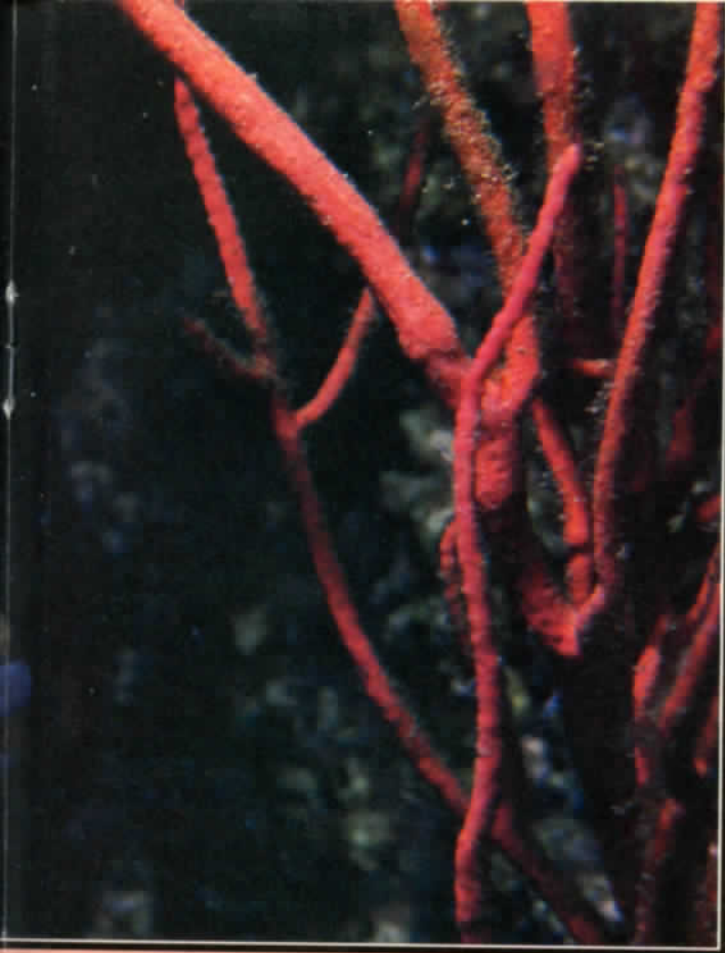


Black and yellow rockfish eyes the camera. Because these fish grow slowly and prefer to stay in one spot, areas of heavy rockfish population are frequently fished out.



Vividly colored nudibranch clings tightly to its perch and brightens its surroundings. Surge from waves above tosses it gently to and fro.





Tiny blue-banded goby looks out from under protective spines of a sea urchin. Growing to a little over two inches, gobies are usually found in kelp bed forests off the Catalina coast.



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Starfish slowly creeps across its dinner plate. Its food usually consists of bacteria and other small particles.



Huddling together, a group of strawberry anemones searches the water for small planktonic animals that compose their diet. This anemone is similar to coral but lacks a spiny skeleton.